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ployed on the reopening of the Morskoi Channel. [REDACTED] the camp
still held approximately 12,000 infantrymen and artillerymen, all EM.

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2. The Morskoi Channel, connecting Leningrad harbor with Kronstadt, has been dredged to a depth of fifteen meters and has been in use again since September 1946. It is twenty-eight kilometers long and fifty meters wide. Tests have been made to see whether or not submerged submarines could negotiate passage without detection.

3. In Kronstadt, the fortifications are being rebuilt. There are fourteen "forts" of iron and concrete construction, each 230-250 meters in diameter. Seven are located south and seven northwest of the city. Ammunition dumps, messes, and troop billets are twenty-two meters (sic) underground. These "forts" are to be equipped with three batteries each of 300 mm long-barreled naval guns. The guns are to be placed under four-meter thick iron constructions with concrete surfacing. The work is scheduled for completion by early August 1947.

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Comment: Nevskaya Bay, between Leningrad and Kronstadt, is too shallow for large ships to proceed directly to Leningrad. The Morskoi Channel formerly made passage possible for ships of 27½-foot draught(1928).

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